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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY (Chapter I of the Patent Cooperation Treaty)

(PCT Rule 44bis)

Applicant's or agent's file reference PHDE030356WO	FOR FURTHER ACTION	See item 4 below
International application No. PCT/IB2004/052103	International filing date (<i>day/month/year</i>) 15 October 2004 (15.10.2004)	Priority date (<i>day/month/year</i>) 16 October 2003 (16.10.2003)
International Patent Classification (8th edition unless older edition indicated) See relevant information in Form PCT/ISA/237		
Applicant PHILIPS INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY & STANDARDS GMBH		

1. This international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter I) is issued by the International Bureau on behalf of the International Searching Authority under Rule 44 *bis*.1(a).

2. This REPORT consists of a total of 6 sheets, including this cover sheet.

In the attached sheets, any reference to the written opinion of the International Searching Authority should be read as a reference to the international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter I) instead.

3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Box No. III | Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability |
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Translation

From the
INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY

To:

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WRITTEN OPINION OF THE
INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY

(PCT Rule 43bis.1)

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FOR FURTHER ACTION See paragraph 2 below		
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International Patent Classification (IPC) or both national classification and IPC H04L29/08		
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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

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<input type="checkbox"/>	Box No. IV	Lack of unity of invention
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Box No. V	Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
<input type="checkbox"/>	Box No. VI	Certain documents cited
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2. **FURTHER ACTION**

If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA") except that this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be the IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66.1bis(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered.

If this opinion is, as provided above, considered to be a written opinion of the IPEA, the applicant is invited to submit to the IPEA a written reply together, where appropriate, with amendments, before the expiration of 3 months from the date of mailing of Form PCT/ISA/220 or before the expiration of 22 months from the priority date, whichever expires later.

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3. For further details, see notes to Form PCT/ISA/220.

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Box No. I

Basis of this opinion

1. With regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
☐ This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language
_____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 12.3 and 23.1(b)).
2. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:
 - a. type of material
☐ a sequence listing
☐ table(s) related to the sequence listing
 - b. format of material
☐ in written format
☐ in computer readable form
 - c. time of filing/furnishing
☐ contained in the international application as filed.
☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority for the purposes of search.
3. ☐ In addition, in the case that more than one version or copy of a sequence listing and/or table(s) relating thereto has been filed or furnished, the required statements that the information in the subsequent or additional copies is identical to that in the application as filed or does not go beyond the application as filed, as appropriate, were furnished.
4. Additional comments:

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability;
citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	4-9	YES
	Claims	1-3	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims		YES
	Claims	1-9	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-9	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations:

1 The present opinion makes reference to the following document:

D1: US 2002/184153 A1 (DE VRIES JEAN PIERRE) 5
December 2002 (2002-12-05)

2 INDEPENDENT CLAIM 1

2.1 The present application does not meet the requirements of PCT Article 33(1) because the subject matter of claim 1 is not novel within the meaning of PCT Article 33(2).

D1 discloses (the references between parentheses relate to said document) a method for gradually (sections 12, 13, 45 and 66) interchanging personal information (sections 9, 18 and 20) in non-trusted (sections 10 and 42) peer-to-peer (sections 8 and 36) environments, in which the information ("sets of interest", section 44) is broken down into a plurality of independent parts ("bits" or "characters" or "portions of hashes", section 45) which are mutually (section 45, last sentence) interchanged, section by section (section 45, last sentence), between at least two communication

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parties (sections 13, 17, 18 and 20).

3 DEPENDENT CLAIMS 2-3 AND 9

Claims 2-3 do not contain any features which, in combination with the features of any claim to which they refer, meet the PCT requirements for novelty because their additional features have already been disclosed in D1, sections 44, 17 and 18.

4 DEPENDENT CLAIMS 4-8

Dependent claims 4-8 concern minor structural modifications to the system according to claim 1 which have already been mentioned in the following sections and are of the kind that a person skilled in the art routinely makes on the basis of familiar considerations, especially since the resulting advantages are readily foreseeable. Consequently, the subject matter of claims 4-9 does not involve an inventive step.

- Claim 4: sections 11, 43 and 44 (number of "sets", "bits" or "characters" or "portions" in "sets", customer interface menu);
- Claims 5 and 6: section 45 ("predefined");
- Claim 7: section 17 (hierarchy); and
- Claim 8: section 36 ("logical connections").

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Box No. II Priority

1. ☒ The following document has not yet been furnished:

☒ copy of the earlier application whose priority has been claimed (Rule 43bis.1 and 66.7(a)).

☐ translation of the earlier application whose priority has been claimed (Rule 43bis.1 and 66.7(b)).

Consequently it has not been possible to consider the validity of the priority claim. This opinion has nevertheless been established on the assumption that the relevant date is the claimed priority date.

2. ☐ This opinion has been established as if no priority had been claimed due to the fact that the priority claim has been found invalid (Rules 43bis.1 and 64.1). Thus for the purposes of this opinion, the international filing date indicated above is considered to be the relevant date.

3. Additional observations, if necessary: